

With this issue, the Wise County Messenger closes its 66th. year of publication and number 1 will appear in the mast head.

During our years as the publisher we have enjoyed working for you and with you, heralding events of city and county importance. We have endeavored to improve this paper and to give our readers a newspaper of Wise County happenings. We will continue to serve you to the best of our ability. We solicit your continued support, and we assure you our continuation of the policy of continued improvement as materials and equipment become available.

Only 10 shopping days until Christmas.

Decatur stores have shelves and counters overflowing with merchandise, and they have reported greater Xmas sales so far this year compared to the same period last year. More merchandise and greater variety have aided sales this year.

The coal strike may cause delay in replacement of stocks—the wise shopper will buy now while stocks are complete and the variety large.

This year the community is joining together to give the less fortunate children of the community a Christmas to remember. The plans are discussed elsewhere in this paper, and your cooperation and help in making the program successful is earnestly solicited. It is the intention of the organization to see that every child has something Xmas morning—something to give them reason for saying, "There is a Santa Claus."

Perhaps you noticed the change in appearance today. One column greater in width and two inches greater in length, the Messenger will come to you in this size henceforth. During the war years difficulty in securing sufficient newsprint in this size necessitated the use of a smaller size in which there was a surplus quantity. Now we hope there will be no further changes—and we hope you like our new dress.

Since our recent story on the installation of parking meters being considered by the city council, we have heard some discussion of the matter, for and against. The proposition is being considered, and are in form by Mayor Dodson to relieve the parking congestion around the square. Rates would be one penny for twenty minutes or five cents an hour. If you have a suggestion in this matter, or have a preference, we will print letters, at space permits, discussing this problem and its solution. Sign your letters, should you send one.

Looks like John L. Clarks the government may consider the citizenship after all.

Veterans Meet Tomorrow Night At Court House

The Veterans of Foreign Wars to the U. S. 1st Battalion, Post No. 8783, will meet in the Court House Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p. m. All members and applicants for membership are urged to attend.

PLEDGES SORORITY

DENTON, TEX. (Sp.)—Mrs. Aaron Winder, a student at North Texas State College, has been named among the 25 students initiated into the Alpha Lambda Sigma, library service organization.

Mrs. Winder is a senior government major at the college.

SLAYER CAPTURED

An international man hunt for the slayer of Martin Camp near Lewis, Oct. 31, reached a climax Friday with the arrest in Santa Fe, N. M., of a man who is believed to be the slayer. The slayer, a man named Victor, was captured near Santa Fe, N. M.

BAND WIN RHOME BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Rhome girls basketball team won the tournament last week end at Rhome, with Decatur coming in second. The reporter failed to attend the games of the various teams of the day.

Services For Mrs. Barnett Held At Paradise

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stott Barnett, widow of Joseph Barnett, departed this life at the family homestead, one mile south of Paradise, Tuesday, December 10, at 12:29 a. m. at the age of 86 years and six months. She had lived in the Paradise community 69 years. Her husband passed on many years ago and Mrs. Barnett had made her home since that time at the old homestead with her son, Clarence Barnett, and two daughters, Misses Annie and Jennie Joe Barnett.

Mrs. Barnett was Miss Mary Elizabeth Stott before her marriage, and was born in Portage, N. Y., Canada May 13 1860. When she was five years of age the family came to the state of Iowa and lived there until 1877, when they moved to Wise County, near Paradise, where she has lived since that time. She was married to Joseph Douglas Barnett, also of Wise County. Five children were born to this union, two sons and three daughters, all surviving. Mrs. Barnett was converted and united with the Baptist church at Paradise in her early womanhood, and has lived a consistent Christian life. She was a devoted wife and mother, and highly respected and honored citizen, holding membership in that church until the time of her death.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Paradise Wednesday, December 11, at 3:00 o'clock, conducted by her former pastor, Rev. McGraw and Dr. R. E. Bell of Decatur.

Interment was in Paradise cemetery.

She is survived by her two sons, J. E. Barnett of Quail, Texas, and Clarence Barnett of Paradise, and three daughters, Miss Annie, Ruth, and Jennie Joe Barnett of Paradise. She is also survived by three grandchildren who are: Mrs. Mildred Hickox of Phillips, Texas; Miss Helen Barnett of Long Beach, California; and Kirby Barnett of Houston, three great grandchildren, and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Full bearers were grand sons and nephews: James R. Barnett, John Barnett, Mike Stott, Buddy Stott, Jimmie Stott, J. D. Stott, Angus Stott, and Donald Stott. Grand daughters and nieces were flower girls, who were Misses Georgia Ruth Cleveland, Valeria Joy Cleveland, Dorothy Bunell, Fannie Sizemore, Frances M. Pearson, Corene Holman, Betty Greenshaw, and Josephine Cash.

Pfc. Preston Washburn from Lowery Field, Colo., spent a fifteen-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Washburn.

Lions Club Has Movie On Soil Conservation

Members of the Lions Club last Wednesday enjoyed a soil conservation movie, Raindrops, in a program arranged by Everett Clark, J. C. Porter of Jacksboro, who presented the show, made a short talk explaining the feature.

C. A. Nichols presided in the absence of President Tom Rush, and the club agreed to cooperate in the program for the needy children this Christmas. Lions Bruce Bulkarel, Lory D. White and Buster Pearson being appointed as committee. Dr. Bell and Rev. Anderson offered assistance, and Buster Pearson was appointed to represent the Baptist Church in the organization.

Venison for the lunch was donated by Carl Christian, Ray Lawson, Hub Heathington and others of their recent hunting party to South Texas.

Guests included J. C. Porter of Jacksboro, Joe Wilhite, Paulman Banks, Mr. Tollison of Cleburne, Master David White and Mr. Thompson. Lion Ted Schroeder announced the VFW meeting of Friday night, and Lion Nichols stated glasses had been furnished for a needy school pupil.

Lights Up Around The Court House

The Xmas lights around the square this year are somewhat abbreviated due to the shortage of globes to replace the broken ones in the long string could not be replaced. The shorter lengths were filled with good bulbs, and placed around the court house, but not nearly as many as would have been lighted nightly, had replacements been available. Nevertheless, it helps the Xmas season, and is pretty at night.

Greenwood 4-H Club Girls Elect Officers

The Greenwood Girls' 4-H Club met Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the school house with 19 members and our sponsor, Mrs. Babe Wilson.

We finished covering Christmas boxes. The covering is made from butcher paper decorated with starch and red. Each girl has selected a project. We also planned and discussed a Christmas party to be held at the school house Dec. 18.

Officers for the year are as follows: President, Margie Hargrove; Vice-President, Bernice Wilson; Secretary, Margie White; Recorder, Lou Jane Montgomery; Reporter, Nattie Lou Wright; and our sponsor is Mrs. Babe Wilson.

CORNELIUS—GOODE

Miss Katherine Cornelison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cornelison of Belton and Charles M. Goode, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goode of Temple, formerly of Decatur, were married Sunday, December 1 at the First Christian Church in Belton.

Rev. Powell A. Smith read the vows in a double ring ceremony before a candlelight altar.

The bride was graduated from Belton High School and attended business school in Belton. She is employed as bookkeeper at the Southwestern Transit Company in Belton.

Mr. Goode attended Temple High School, Decatur Baptist College and University of Houston. He is employed with Dean-Ward Construction Company of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mack of Texline were week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harper. The Macks will move here about the first of January to make their home. Mrs. Mack is the former Miss Mattie Harding, formerly of Decatur.

Mrs. Scott Simms of Fort Worth visited relatives over the week end.

Total—Four Inches Three Days of Rain Soak All Of Wise County

Following a week of fall weather, winds and clouds brought an inch or more of rainfall Monday night, continuing into Tuesday. After our first freeze, the mild weather has continued, allowing the local stores to report the greatest buying splurge ever, with merchandise leaving the counters faster than it can be replaced.

Another 3 inch rain fell during the day Wednesday to give the county another good soaking following the inch Tuesday and continued drizzles in between.

FIRE AT THE GYM

A sanding machine caught on fire at the high school gym last week end, and the call was answered by the fire department, which made quick work of extinguishing the blaze. It is thought a spark from a nail nail ignited the wood dust sanded from the gym floor. No damage was reported other than to the machine.

Births For November Listed

Leonard G. Watkins, twins, Lloyd and Floyd Nov. 13.
Cyril L. Walsey, daughter, Lenda Faye Nov. 3.
Samuel O. Waldrop, daughter, Ollie Ruth Nov. 8.
Vestle M. Tedrow, son, Virgil Glenn Nov. 25.
Earl C. Spencer, daughter, Rebecca Sue Nov. 19.
John Ellis Smith, daughter, Chanda Beth Nov. 9.
A. Willie Kiddle, son, Nov. 10.
Lee Otis Poteet, son, Ronald Lee, Nov. 18.
Sam W. Phillips, daughter, Nov. 15.

Leonard Martinez, son, Fred, Nov. 12.
Willard Moyers, son, Jimmie Troy, Nov. 20.
Elvie B. McMillan, son, Harold Basel, Nov. 6.
Wilson B. McGuire, son, Jerry Don, Nov. 25.
James T. McCormack, daughter, Bertha Mae, Nov. 15.
Doyle V. Love, son, Jerry Melvin, Nov. 8.
William Linville, daughter, Carolyn Kay, Nov. 17.
Charles Basil King, son, Charles Basil Jr., Nov. 15.
Jessie Jones Jr., son, Dwain Nolan, Nov. 19.
Walter A. Hughes, son, Jimmy Dwight, Nov. 9.
Sim C. Hale, son, Gary Wayne, Nov. 8.
James W. Bletsch, son, William Pete, Nov. 20.
W. John Berastom, son, Jonathan Ezell, Nov. 3.
Harold L. Barrow, son, Donald Loyd, Nov. 8.
Charles R. Allen, daughter, Patricia Ann, Nov. 19.
Jessie J. Deaton, daughter, Patricia Sue, Nov. 12.
Thairl B. Boring, son, Thairl, Nov. 6.
Willard Erwin Baugh, son, Donald Eugene, Nov. 16.
J. W. St. John, son, James Wesley, Nov. 24.
Wesley W. Jones, son, Delma Lee, Nov. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garvey had as their dinner guest Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Odom and daughters, Ma Netta and Martha Jean of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Monroe and sons, Billie Gene and John of Denton, Miss Lela Ling of McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fears and children, Laura and Benedict of Era and Mrs. Zettie Hopper, Decatur.

LeRay Lawson from N. T. S. T. C. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson.

Mrs. Nella Franklin is spending a week with her husband in Santa Fe, N. M.

Home Decorations For Christmas to Be Judged for Prize

Residents are reminded that prizes will be given this year for the best outside decorations for Xmas, with a first and second prize to be awarded.

It is still a little early, considering the weather element, but as many homes as possible are urged to place some Xmas decorations in their homes (and most do) but this time a little different, so that the outside effect will be greater.

SINGING MEETING SOUTH MONTGOMERY SINGING

The South Montgomery County Singing Convention will meet in all day session at the Brushy Church, 3 1-2 miles S. E. of Bowie the 3rd Sunday in December. Singers and visitors from this section are invited to attend.

Six '46 Eagles Make All-District Teams

Four Decatur Eagles, members of the 1946 football squad, placed on the all district second team. Monk Taylor, John Shaw, Lasiter and Greer were named on that team, with Howard and James Shaw receiving honorable mention.

First district team was dominated by Bowie, Nocona and Henrietta players.

Bowie plays their second district game in Denton tomorrow night, and many from here will attend.

DBC vs. Hobbs Here Tomorrow Night

Decatur Baptist College Indians will play the Hobbs Trailer Basketball team Friday night, 7:30 in the College gym.

Hobbs Trailer has a strong team and Decatur's own "Red" Teague is captain of the Hobbs team.

This is the Indians' first consists of Frank Manire, Layton Adams, Olan Neely, Craft Lareant, Gilbert Rhine, Doss Wilson, Etzell Dodge, Wesley Mowery, Richard Glasscock, and Bryan Worsham.

Mrs. B. E. Hull and children of Midland are visiting Mrs. J. H. Lynch.

Mrs. C. H. Mote and son, James have returned from a visit with her brothers Eldon Williamson at Port Arthur and Steve Williamson at Orange, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King of Henrietta were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Smith Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Brown and daughter, Kathleen of Waco spent the week end here.

Mrs. Lizzie Miller of Fort Worth is visiting her brother, Jesse Womack, who is ill in a local hospital.

Mrs. Jessie Carswell visited Dr. and Mrs. Cade Standley in Wichita Falls over the week end.

Mrs. E. B. Clark is reported ill in a local hospital.

Mrs. W. M. O. Rogers is ill in a local hospital.

Mrs. W. O. Dittich continues ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Stella Plaxco.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boydston were Mr. and Mrs. E. Stone and children of Fort Worth; Mrs. Wells of Fort Worth; Mrs. Ida Brown and son, Elmer of Wichita Falls; Mrs. and Mrs. Bert Wells and Billy Ray Chesser of Decatur; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chesser of Fort Worth.

Miss Connie Van Meter was a guest of Miss Patsy Dill in Dallas over the week end.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW SURVEY UNDERWAY TO LOCATE CHILDREN FOR COMMUNITY WHITE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Citizenship Asked to Cooperate By Giving Food, Clothing, Toys or Funds City Hall Will Be the Receiving Station

A committee meeting Monday night laid the foundation work for the White Christmas for the unfortunate children of the city, and Tuesday a survey was started to determine the needs and number to be aided this year.

Arrangements have been made for the City Hall to be the receiving station for those who have clothing (wearable) for childrens ages, boys and girls, including shoes, etc., and the same procedure is to be followed by those who wish to donate canned goods, money, or any other items which will aid in giving the underprivileged children a gift from Santa on Xmas eve. Lory D. White, for-

CONTRIBUTE

Miss Bessie Coleman was the first to contribute clothing to the campaign, and R. T. Rieger informs us J. J. Rieger Dry Goods will contribute \$100 in merchandise, shoes, clothing, etc., to the fund.

mer treasurer of such undertakings, will again be treasurer, and merchandise and money are to be presented him at his office in the City Hall.

As soon as the program is completed, and the number of children and/or families are totaled, the amount and kind of Xmas will be tabulated and the needs filled, either from donations or purchase from local stores.

The program is limited to residents within the city limits of the city of Decatur.

Time is short between now and Xmas, and, provided you wish to aid this program, will you please make your contribution as quickly as possible. If further information is needed, call Mr. White or O. Ray Brown, who is assisting Mr. White.

Committee members are Mr. White, Mr. Brown, Ralph Dodson, Everett Clark, Phil Luker, pastors of local church and/or their representatives, E. L. Gantt, J. T. Blanton, and the Red Cross Chapter. A. B. Lee and Mrs. Alma Jennings.

Your cooperation, quickly, is urgently requested, that this program may be completed in the short time remaining.

COBB'S INSTALL NEON SIGN

Cobb's Store recently installed a neon sign over the entrance to their store, advertising the name. The sign, though not too large, lights up the street at night, and is easily noticeable from afar.

CELEBRATING OUR 67th. BIRTHDAY, THE MESSENGER HAS A FACE LIFTING AND CHANGE TO MORE COLUMNS, LARGER PAGE

The Messenger this week comes to you in larger size, the former six column nineteen inch page now changed into a seven column twenty-two inch page.

This change had been planned for sometime, but shortage of newsprint made it impossible before. Our new supply of printing paper is of this larger size, and the Messenger will continue as a full-size sheet.

The change is made that we might serve you with more news in less pages, which will eliminate part of the press-work necessary with the smaller size.

We hope you like our new size—we believe you will find it easier to read and easier to handle.

Beautification of County Hiways

Organization and Objectives
This organization is composed of a group of citizens over the state who are interested in the appearance of the areas adjacent to the roadside. It is sponsored and assisted by the Texas Highway Department. The central committee is composed of nine members from various parts of the State and is known as the Texas Roadside Council. This Council is supported by a District Chairman for each nine or more counties and a County Committee in each county composed of a County Chairman and members from each community in the See STORY on page 6

BAKERY IN NEW HOME

Johnson's Bakery opened last week in their new home across from the city hall, where they are now serving many customers. The building has been completely repainted and machinery installed in convenient location where they can now serve you better than ever before in their remodeled building.

BURKE BUYS HOME FOR HIS BUSINESS ON THE SQUARE

Lee Burke, the owner of Burke's Jewelry, this week informed us he had purchased the building next door to Perkins-Timberlake, now occupied by Charlie Rann and Decatur Sales, and will move into his new home January 1. Mr. Rann will vacate by February 1, he informed us.

Burke's Jewelry will be on the square after January 1.

DISCHARGED

James Mote, Route 4, Decatur, has recently returned from Italy where he served in the 88 Signal Company. Mote served 25 months in the army and received his discharge November 25.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mote.

Ray Hugh and Clint Forman from N. T. S. T. C. spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forman. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Plaxco of Fort Worth were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cates Sunday.

CRANKY HARRY By JOE WREN



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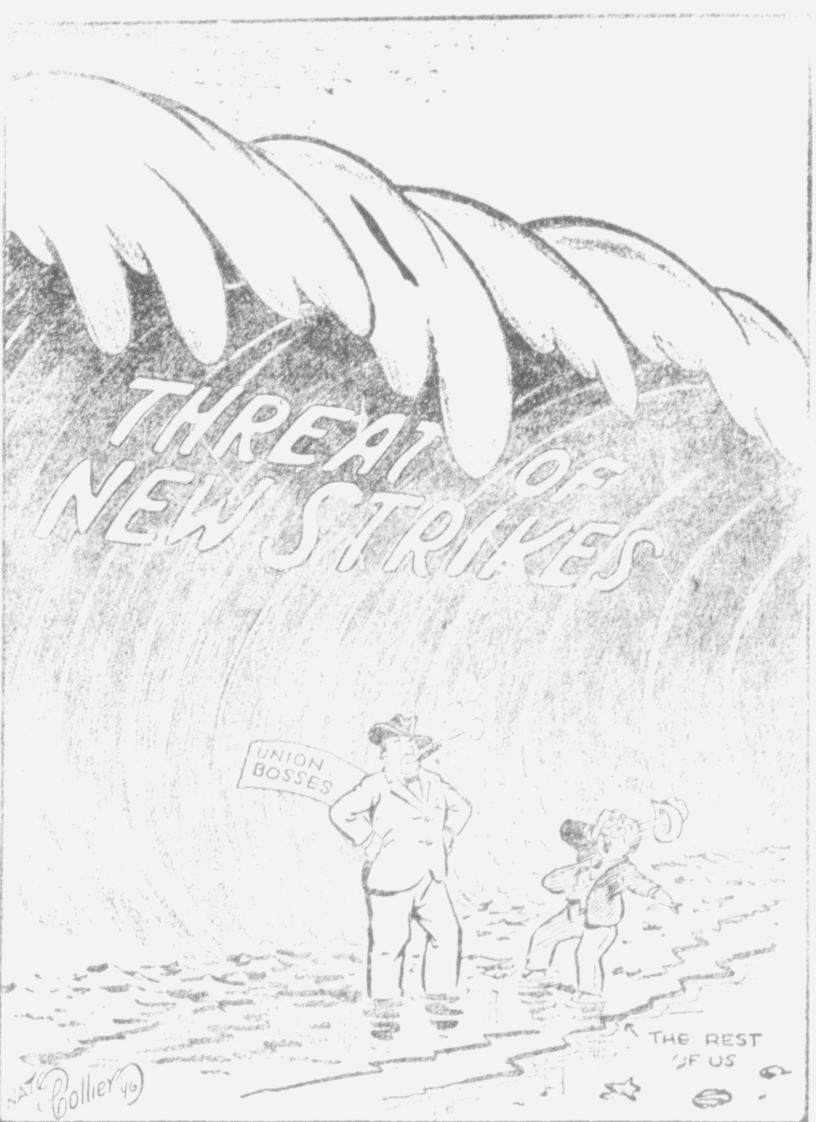


TAX REDUCTION MEANS BUDGET REDUCTION

A great many of the members of the coming Congress have pledged themselves to early income tax reduction. That, if it is done, will come as an enormous relief to a tax-weary country. But it obviously cannot be done so long as we stagger along under a \$40,000,000,000 annual national budget in a time of peace and record employment. The inescapable prelude to tax reduction is a very sharp and drastic reduction in Federal spending.

The details of the budget are the function of the budget bureau and Congress. But there are certain directions in which many millions can be pared from the budget which are obvious to any citizen. Further Federal developments of power dams is one. At the present time, the managers of

IF IT BREAKS, WE'LL ALL GO UNDER! By COLLIER



such socialistic enterprises as TVA are crying for more funds. Eager advocates of new and immensely costly ventures, such as the Columbia Valley and the Missouri Valley authorities are pelting Senators and Representatives with their demands. And the fact is that none of these tax-exempt proposals would give the nation a single, solitary thing that highly-taxed private enterprise cannot give it if it is permitted to go ahead, free of the fear of destruction through socialization.

Private money, instead of tax money, will give us all the electric resources we can employ now or in the future. And private money would create vast new tax resources for communities, the states and the Federal government. Socialized plants, on the other hand, remove property from the tax rolls and demand more taxes from all remaining tax payers.

Congress, if supported by the people, can make an excellent start in the direction of tax reduction through expense reduction by saying a firm "no" to all such schemes.

Your Week by Quincy
NOVEMBER 11-17

WEEKSCOPE
THINGS COME TO YOU EASILY, YOU HAVE A GIFT AND ANALYTICAL MIND AND THE ENVIABLE ABILITY TO REDUCE PROBLEMS TO THEIR SIMPLEST FORM.

MON 11
TODAY IS ARMISTICE DAY—THE END OF THE WORLD WAR I.

TUE 12
17 YEARS AGO—THE STOCK EXCHANGE CRASH.

WED 13
BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, AUTHOR OF "CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES."

THUR 14
YOUR YOUNG AUNT WHO DIED THAT CHRISTMAS EVE WAS FOUND ALIVE... AT SEA 500 MILES NORTH OF SAVANNAH.

FRI 15
YOU CAN SHARE YOUR THANKSGIVING JOY WITH OTHERS BY SENDING THANKSGIVING GREETING CARDS.

SAT 16
40 YEARS AGO, PIKE'S PEAK WAS DISCOVERED BY ZEBUON PIKE, AMERICAN GENERAL AND EXPLORER.

SUN 17
1941—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY WELLS RECEIVED THE JAPANESE SURRENDER AND HONOR TO DISCUSS THE EAST SITUATION.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Grand American Tradition

The Cuppers had a grand old family reunion last week—for the first time since the war. Big and little Cuppers came, by car and train, from as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Vermont. They crowded Doc and Jane's house, set up quarters in the barns, or stopped with neighbors—and a jollier gathering you couldn't have imagined!

I was asked to their final Saturday night supper, when they sang old songs, drank beer and cider, reminisced. Dark Cuppers and blonde ones—Vermont accents and Alabama drawsls—doctors and farmers... all with their differences of taste and politics, yet as close and harmonious in spirit as a group could be.

From where I sit, it's a great American tradition—not just family reunions, but the ability to get along as one harmonious family, regardless of differences of taste—whether it's taste for politics or farming, beer or cider.

Joe Marsh

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Teacher This Sunday
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bank robbers.

Not long after that, I wrote of the emergence of Old Rip from the Eastland courthouse cornerstone.

Now, for the first time, the full account of the most spectacular crime in the history of the Southwest and of the horned frog, who will be a legend centuries from now, have been written. They are in a new book, "Cowtown Columnist," of which the author is one Boyce House.

The volume contains the cream of eight years' "columning" for this and many other papers and five years' broadcasting about Texas history, adventure, romance and legend.

There are first-hand stories which were obtained from J. E.

Vic Vet says

DON'T BUY INFLATION WITH
YOUR GI LOAN . . .
INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU
INVEST.



Cooper, long-time editor of the Williamson County Sun, who knew the famous gun-fighters, John Wesley Hardin and Ben Thompson, personally. In the book, Tom Bendy of Eastland tells about the time he disarmed Hardin, who was credited with killing 40 men; and Sterling Price Buster tells about his friend, Bob Olinger, the last man that Billy the Kid killed.

I was lucky enough to discover an unpublished poem by O. Henry, too, and it is included.

Did you know that the first man in the history of the world to fly was a Texan?

And that the last battle of the Civil War was fought in Texas, weeks after Lee's surrender.

That Old Spanish Fort actually was an Indian fort and the scene of a big battle when Spain ruled Texas?

HOMOGENIZED DAIRIES TENNESSEE

..MILK..
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SAFEST MILK !

At Your Grocers . . .

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GOLD SEAL BUTTER

And that Texas used to have camels?

The only monument erected by Southerners to the memory of Union soldiers is in Texas?

Besides all these stories, "Cowtown Columnist" tells about Harley Sadler, famous tent-showman; Bigfoot Wallace; the "White Indian"; Capt. Bill McDonald of the Texas Rangers; Sam Bass; Cynthia Ann Parker; the trial of the Indian Chiefs at Jacksboro; wolf hunting and famous wolves; of how J. R. Cant, single-handed, shot it out with four "bad men"—and many other colorful Texas events, many of which never before have been published in any book.

Employment of full, high wages, low prices, no shortages, lower taxes and no strikes—these are what the Republicans promised. Let us hope that these promises won't be like "two cars in every garage" and "a chicken in every pot."

Now is the time of year that I

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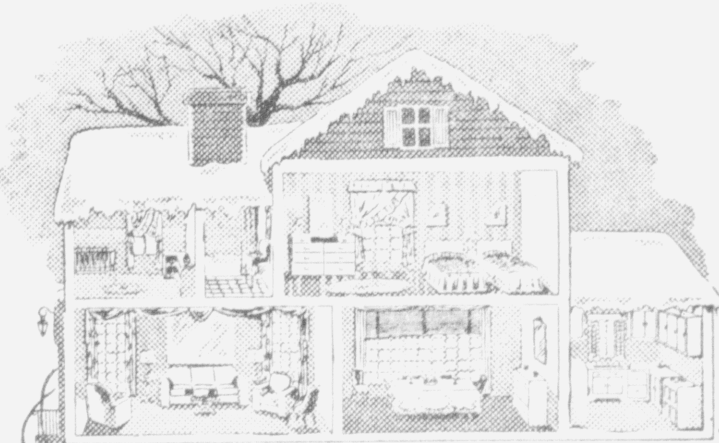
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tal Baptist Church, and the
neighbors who aided during
the illness and death of our
husband and father, Jess Shawn
of Bridgeport. Your help and
assistance was deeply appreciat-
ed.
Mrs. Jess Shawn
E. W. Shawn and Family
J. A. Shawn and Family

Methodist Church
Thanks to every one who at-
tended our Church School and
the preaching services last Sun-
day. The attendance was much
larger than the previous Sun-
day.
It is our custom to make our
annual Christmas offering to
the children in the Methodist
Home at Waco, Texas in the
month of December. Bro. C. P.
Dodson is our Home Commis-
sioner and he plans to take
the offering Sunday morning.
Please come prepared to make
your contribution. It is our
hope that every member, if it
is possible, will share in this
worthy cause.
You are cordially invited to
attend Sunday School and to
stay for the preaching service.
We shall be delighted to see
visitors in the congregation.
ROY ANDERSON, Pastor
RECITAL
Betty Jane Dodds will be
presented in a voice recital at
5 o'clock Sunday evening, Dec-

ember 15 at the First Christian
Church. She will be assisted by
Mrs. Elouise James, pianist, and
Mrs. Norman Conner, violinist.
The public is cordially invit-
ed to attend.

Christian Church
The choir of the First Chris-
tian Church will present their
Christmas Cantata, "While
Shepherds Watched" Sunday
evening at 7:30. The Cantata
is the birth of Christ portray-
ed in story through song. The
music is melodiously arranged
in a variety of unusual numbers.
There are male and women's
solo parts and quartets, trios,
duets and chorus arrangements.
Mrs. Melvin Crisp will be the
pianist. Others rendering ser-
vices are: Mmes Weldon Binion,
Ira Maley, Dan Mooney, W. H.
Holmes, Floyd Dodds, G. V.
Alland, Norman Conner, Miss
Nell Clark and Miss Betty Jane
Dodds. The men participating
are, Travis Binion and Norman
Conner.
The minister invites all in-
terested to attend this service
and special invitation has been
sent churches at Paradise and
Chico.

The regular services at the
church will be Bible School at
9:45 and Morning Worship at
11:00 a. m. An extended Bible
School session will be held for
all children under ten. This is
arranged for the benefit of
presenting to the children a
more simple form of worship
comprehensive to their age and
needs.

Baptist Church
The Christmas spirit is ris-
ing rapidly in the First Baptist
Church, and various groups are
planning wholesome and happy
entertainment for their mem-
bers. The B. S. U. of the Col-
lege is to have a banquet at
the Lions hall next Saturday
evening at 7:30. The program
includes a good meal, music,
and various stunts.
On Thursday night, the 19th,
the music pupils of Mrs. Robert-
son at the College will present
a program at the church, to
which the public is invited.
One night the week before
Christmas Mrs. Seudder is plan-
ning a hay ride for the members
of the Young People's Depart-
ment of the Sunday School.
Any one knowing where wag-
ons and teams and sleigh might
be available are asked to re-
port to Mrs. Seudder or the
pastor.
New workers and leaders are
being enlisted in the Training
Union, and Mr. Lawrence
is planning to provide valuable
training for the members of
the B. S. U.
Simultaneous revivals for all
the Baptist Churches of Wise
County are being arranged for
the last two weeks in March of
next year. Dr. C. Wade Free-
man, pastor of the First Bapt-
ist Church of Sulphur Springs,
will do the preaching in the
First Baptist Church of Deca-
tur and direct the County-wide
campaign.
Pastor R. E. Bell will preach
next Sunday at both morning
and evening services.

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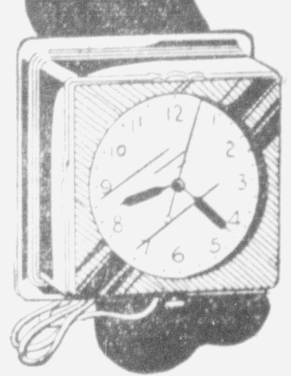
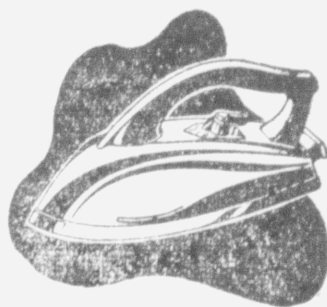
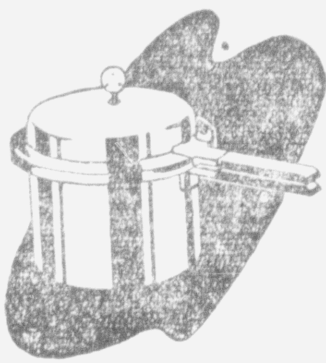
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brance of the approaching
Christmas season the program
was opened by singing "Silent
Night" followed by a prayer
of good will led by Mrs. Eula
Innis.
Mrs. N. A. Moore, accompan-
ied by Mrs. W. C. Milligan, sang
"Coming Home" and "Where
My Caravan Has Rested".
Mrs. E. M. Gettys, with Mrs.
James playing the accompani-
ment, sang two lovely hymns.
Decatur high school Chorus
sang, "In Wonderland," and
"White Christmas".
The Hot Rocks, in their own
usual way, presented an in-
teresting group of songs.
To add variety to this mus-
ical afternoon, Mmes. W. W.
Brown and M. P. Jeters gave
two philosophical readings,
"At St. Peter's Gate," and
"Trouble in the Choir".
As a fitting climax to the
afternoon's program, pretty lit-
tle Judith Baer showed great
talent in her rendition of two

RECITAL
Mrs. J. A. Simmons and Miss
Ada Cates will present their
piano pupils in recital on Mon-
day evening, December 16, at
8:30 o'clock at the High School
Auditorium. The public is in-
vited.

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I wish to thank all my
friends and loved ones for their
kindness in my time of sorrow
through the illness and passing
away of my dear husband. I
thank each of you for the
beautiful floral offering and
the nice lunch, and also for

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COFFEE HONORS BRIDE-ELECT

Mmes. Robert Sellers, W. C. Shults, and Miss Bell Ford entertained Saturday morning with a coffee for Miss Joan Williams, bride-elect of George Rieger, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Milligan.

Christmas decorations beautified the home, and on the gaily decorated tree were kitchen gifts for Miss Williams.

In the dining room the table was laid with a cut lace cloth with red and green balls and miniature Christmas trees arranged for the center piece.

The guests were Misses Joan Williams, Claudie Mae Workman, Mmes. Ben Grubbs, B. A. Man, Melvin Crisp, Tom Rush, Olin Van Meter, Ben Williams, Arnold Davenport, Glen Rieger, Kenny Renshaw, and W. C. Milligan.

CHRISTMAS PARTY OF WSCS

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met Monday, December 9, in the church basement for their regular monthly luncheon. Following the lunch hour the ladies were seated in front of a lovely Christmas tree, lighted and laden with useful gifts.

Mrs. A. B. Van Meter, program director, was assisted by a group of members who gave a very interesting program in keeping with the real spirit of Christmas. Mrs. C. J. Williams spoke on World-Wide Peace; Mrs. Everett Clark read a most timely story, The Hunchback; Ziah; Mrs. Cleo Rann read the Christ Child.

Mrs. H. S. Usry talked very briefly on the work of Mrs. Anderson, retiring president. She then presented Mrs. Anderson with life membership in the Society—this being a gift from the local auxiliary.

Mrs. Usry also presented the name of Richard Douglas Tally for membership. Mrs. T. G. Rogers sent the name of Roland S. Bond Jr. as a life member. The Society welcomes these little ones. They now have several babies to their credit, for which they are very grateful.

By way of concluding the program Mmes. Fred Thomason and M. P. Jeffers distributed the gifts from the tree.

Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be in January of 1947. At this last meeting of 1946 every one really sensed the Christmas spirit, and each wished for the New Year, that the teachings of the Prince of Peace may come more and more into the hearts of mankind everywhere. And so, to all, Happy New Year!

A beautiful gift was presented to the honoree by the hostesses.

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus of Dallas was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers over the week end.

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Miss Wanda Shipley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Claiborn of Decatur, and Terrell McDonald, son of the late John McDonald, Alvord, were united

in marriage Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p. m. in the home of Rev. R. E. Bell, with Rev. Bell performing the ceremony.

The bride wore a beige suit with black reptile accessories. Her corsage was of pink car-

nations.

Attendants of the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald of Alvord.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a short honeymoon in Austin and San Antonio.

DINNER PARTY HONORS BRIDE-ELECT

Among the pre-nuptial parties given for Miss Joan Williams, bride-elect of George Rieger, was a dinner party given by Mmes. Hubert Ferguson, Tom Rush, and Olin Van Meter at the home of Mrs. Ferguson.

Dinner was served to Misses Joan and Janet Williams, Norma Cook, Bell Ford; Mmes. Ben Williams, Glen Rieger, Ben Grubbs, W. C. Shults, Kenny Renshaw, Arnold Davenport, Robert Sellers, B. A. Man, T. G. Rogers, Archie Hoyt, E. H. Rant of Dallas, Roland Bond Jr. of Dallas, and H. D. Rant, Dallas.

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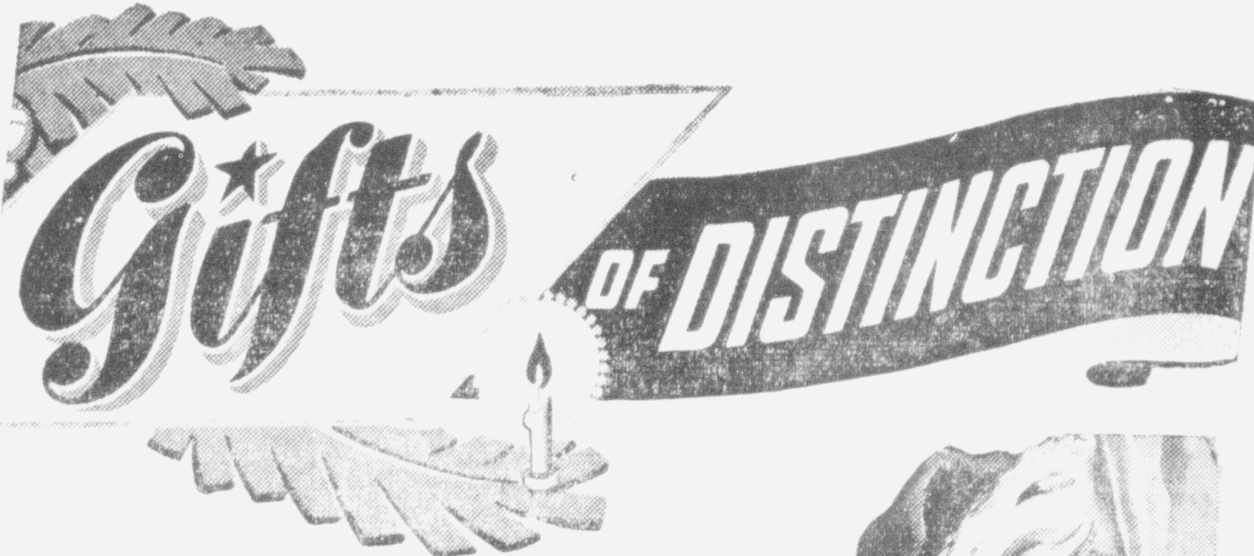
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FARM AND RANCH CHATTER With Layne Beaty

Excellent quality seemed to be the consensus of judges and spectators at the Southwest Turkey Breeders Exposition in Fort Worth last week. New president of Texas Turkey Federation is Bill Williams, Gatesville; vice-pres., B. T. Wiley, Santa Anna; sec'y, Myra Lee Mitchell, Midlothian. New directors, W. H. Arnold, Victoria; Tom Bingham, Aubrey; George McCarthy, Fort Worth. Texas directors of the American Federation elected last

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week are R. E. Janes, Austin; Williams; McCarthy; and Ike Comer, Hamilton.

Grand Champion of the show was exhibited by Mrs. D. S. Battey of Floydada, last year's winner. It was an old hen. An old tom shown by Tom Bingham of Aubrey was reserve champ. Robert Lehman of Creedmore took top honors in the junior division.

A big parade of gobblers to the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tables has been uredicted by Secretary Anderson. This year's, but the armed forces are taking much less of it this year, leaving more for civilian use.

Producers are reminded not to be taken in the good prices this year and over-expand for next year. Also, it is never wise to save only the culls in the flock for breeding purposes.

Cotton acreage in northern Mexico is increasing, T. R. Stephens, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's pink bollworm control representative in Mexico, reports. New irrigation facilities are enabling Mexico farmers to expand. However, little of this cotton comes to the U. S.

Mr. Stephens adds that Mexican farmers cooperate beautifully with pink bollworm control regulations of the Mexican government. The USDA maintains a staff of inspectors in cotton sections of Mexico to assist in insect control demonstration and inspection.

The Texas Farm Bureau Federation, in its 13th annual convention in San Antonio last week, endorsed the expanded research program of the USDA, the agricultural colleges and experiment stations, and recommended continuation of crop controls to prevent damaging effects of surpluses. J. Walter Hammond, Tye, was re-elected president; Frank Taylor, Waco, vice-president; and J. H. West, Bishop, sec'y-treasurer. A special train load of Texas Farm Bureau delegates will attend the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in San Francisco in December.

CHIPS: Comes now a new industry in Texas—feather processing for various new uses. It's at Brownwood, and specialize in tur-

key feathers... Mark Buckingham, former county agent in Jersey famous Hopkins county, is now association county agent at San Antonio to work specifically with milk producers in the San Antonio milk shed... Shannon Carpenter does the same thing in the Dallas shed.

Hog trading was slow last week with most markets registering losses of 25 to 50 cents per hundred pounds for slaughter grades. San Antonio reported about the only gains. Friday's prices for top butchers were \$25 per hundred at San Antonio, Fort Worth and Oklahoma City; \$24 to \$24.25 at Wichita and \$24 to \$24.50 at Denver.

Steady to stronger prices and moderately active trading ruled southwest cattle markets last week. However, some business showed up on lower grade beef cows and calves. San Antonio

sold common and medium grass steers at \$11 to \$12 per hundred pounds and common and medium cows \$9.75 to \$13. Common and medium steers and yearlings brought \$12 to \$15 at Houston and \$12 to \$18 at Fort Worth. At Oklahoma City good beef cows reached \$17 and medium and good beef steers and yearlings sold at \$15 to \$22. Common and medium cows realized \$10.50 to \$13.50 at Wichita and \$11 to \$14 at Denver where a few loads of good fed steers sold at \$20 to \$23.50 per hundred.

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county and in many cases from several civic organizations. The objectives are five in number and briefly stated are:

1. Improvement in appearance of homes and businesses, both rural and urban.
2. Central planting of the des-

ignated county flowering tree or shrub as a "Living Memorial" to all those who served in the Armed Forces during the last war. This was suggested by the Legislature's Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

3. A revival of interest in marking of historic and interesting spots.

4. Development of a general consciousness of the need for a practical correction of the practice of indiscriminate erection of signs.

5. Fostering a firm public opinion on the control of dumping grounds and unsightly wrecking yards.

Almost every person is interested in one or more of these objectives and will usually co-operate in every way possible. You, as a member of this County Committee are asked to get the program before your community. This can be done by personal contact, and through your school

"Plan your work and Work your plan"

Long winter evenings bring families together after chores are done. Then there's time for serious talks and good fun. In December there's opportunity, too, to review the results of the past year's work... to make plans that can be carried out efficiently in the year that lies ahead.

Proper planning uncovers new opportunities in any business. With experience, know-how, and plain "horse sense" to draw on, plan-making should not be difficult. You think back with pleasure on your good crops... on how well your livestock or poultry programs turned out. You remember little things that made them profitable, or caused a loss. With this in mind, you look ahead and decide on next year's crops and rotations. You think of ways to improve your livestock operations. You make provision for the purchase of breeding stock, seed, machinery, fencing and equipment. You consider your problems from all angles. That's the way a sound plan is made. Then you set your course and stick to it.

What's true of the individual farm or ranch is true of any business, small or large. We at Swift & Company well know that we, too, must plan our work and work our plan. Our business inter-



ests are many and varied. Without a plan and good business records, we would be almost certain to run into serious losses because our profit margin is small. But by planning carefully, diversifying and working efficiently, we like you—hope to increase our earnings in the future.

To all our friends on America's farms and ranches, we at Swift & Company wish

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

John Holmes, President

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME

by L. S. Hardin, Purdue University

There is a labor-saving or labor-wasting way to do every farm job. Because we use too many old, hard ways, we waste 15 to 25 percent of our time. Greater attention to how we do our jobs can save time and work.

Ways of doing livestock work easier, faster and better are especially needed. Most farmers still use almost as much work to make 100 pounds of pork, beef or milk as they did 25 years ago. Yet, thanks mostly to machinery, we have reduced crop work one-fourth to one-half during the last 25 years.

Alert farmers are simplifying farm jobs, cutting chore time 15 to 50 percent. Five Indiana farmers, by carefully planning their work, are raising market hogs with one-quarter the average hours of labor. A Minnesota farmer rearranged his barn, adopted correct milking practices, saved 300 hours of work and 138 miles of walking a year. By rearranging his watering system, a poultry man saved 22 miles of walking a season. Some farmers are making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton. Others, using similar equipment but harder ways of working, spend twice the time.

What these farmers are doing, others can do, too. Know just what you want to accomplish. Figure out how to do a job the easiest, cheapest and best way. Cut out those unnecessary steps, combine jobs, rearrange barns and lots, work out more convenient chore routes, keep equipment busy, choose new equipment that suits your farm. Give new practices a fair trial.

You'll find the easy way is the best way. Small improvements add up to days and dollars saved. Five minutes wasted a day equals 3 days a year. 5 steps a day amounts to a mile a year. With costs rising and profit margins due to shrink, we can well afford to take time to save time.

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superintendent, Parent-Teacher Association, Garden Club, Civic Clubs, newspapers and any other way which occurs to you. It is believed school children will be especially interested in parts of this program and will be of great assistance in publishing and accomplishing these objectives. Your efforts will be supported by publicity and information by your County Chairman, District Chairman and by the Texas Roadside Council. It is believed that as the program progresses, everyone who participates will feel a personal pride in the improved appearance of his community and the State as a whole.

Decatur Lodge No. 447 AF&AM meets every 2nd. and 4th. Thursday nights at 8 o'clock. Visitors & Sojourners welcome. H. R. FULLINGIM, WM. JAS. W. SMITH, Secretary

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In no other business that I know of is there such a narrow margin of possible profit. In the purchase of livestock, for instance, our buyers compete with buyers representing 3,500 meat packing plants and 22,500 other commercial slaughterers. Then, we sell our products in competition with the same 26,000 slaughterers with whom we compete when purchasing the livestock. Because of this constant competitive pressure from both sides, our profit margins are very narrow.

Thus, to make money we have to save money. Yes—we, too, have to "plan our work and work our plan." That's why we are forever checking our operations to increase efficiency... to eliminate waste... to do our job better. That job is to process and distribute more than six and one-half billion pounds of meats and other products each year. Only on such a volume of business can tiny savings per pound add up to the profit which keeps us in business.

F.M. Simpson, Agricultural Research Department

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A CHILDREN'S DISEASE

Austin, Texas. — Rheumatic heart disease is now the first cause of death among children aged 10 to 14, and is second only to tuberculosis at ages 15 to 25.

Despite the importance of this disease its epidemiology is not completely established. No vaccine such as those that prevent typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, and whooping cough has yet been developed for its prevention or control. We do know, however, some

of the danger signals, and with the physician's accurate diagnosis at least once a year by a physician, to have the right kind of the disease may be prevented.

Exposure to frequent chilling, damp or overcrowded living quarters, a poor diet, an attack of scarlet fever, a bad cold or other infection caused by certain streptococcus germs are likely to be predisposing factors in the appearance of rheumatic fever.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, points out that in general the danger signals of rheumatic fever are pain and swelling in the joints of the knees, ankles, elbows, or wrists. The pain usually is felt in one of these centers and spreads it to the others. Oftentimes a child will get irritable and cross without any visible signs of a good reason for this attitude; he may cry easily or develop habits of nervousness. A physician should be consulted at once in such a situation, for these symptoms may be the beginning of rheumatic fever.

According to Dr. Cox the best safeguards against this disease

are to have each child examined at least once a year by a physician, to have the right kind of the disease may be prevented.

MAN HAD BRICK IN HIS STOMACH FOR TEN YEARS

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food and plenty of rest. When the disease is suspected of being present, a doctor should be consulted at once, and if he prescribes complete bed rest, his advice should be implicitly followed.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS

Out of town guests attending the announcement tea for Miss Joan Williams last week were: Mmes Julian Williams Sr., Julian Williams Jr., Robert Levadell, E. H. Rant, Nathan Proctor, Ida Carnes, Roland Bond Jr., all of Dallas; Paul Toland, Houston; Tom Terrell, Fort Worth; H. A. Horton, Springtown; Gene Davenport, Bryan; A. N. Johnson, Lampasas; L. C. Shimp Jr., Denton; John Pierce, Springtown; Sturges Hurley, Longview; F. R. Hixsonbotham, Olney; and B. C. Bloodworth, Olney; Misses Janet Williams, Dallas; Norma Cook, Dallas; Katherine Rant, Dallas; Ruth Carnes, Dallas;

Dorothy Dodson, Fort Worth; Jane Hoyl, Austin; Connie McDonald, Austin; Peggy McDonald, Denton; Betty Wilder, Denton; Jackie Douglas, Rhame. After their marriage the couple will reside in Decatur, where Mr. Rieger is attending school at Decatur Baptist College.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. John Scott were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harding and daughter, Sue of Longview; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott, Tyler; Mrs. and Mrs. O. V. Scott, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Finlayson, Rhame; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terrell and Tommy, Ft. Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ferguson and Ann.

Mrs. T. J. Elder spent Sunday in Decatur visiting friends.

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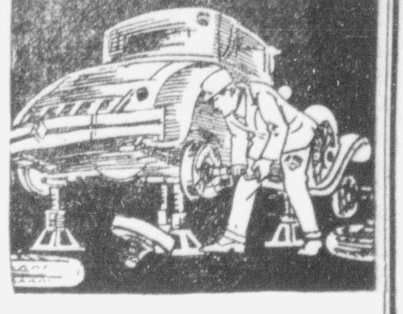
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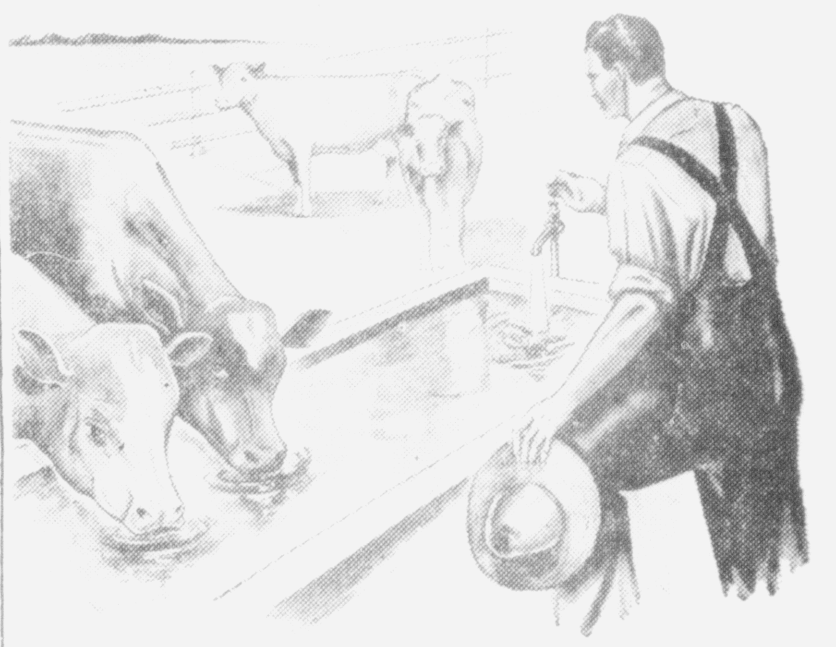
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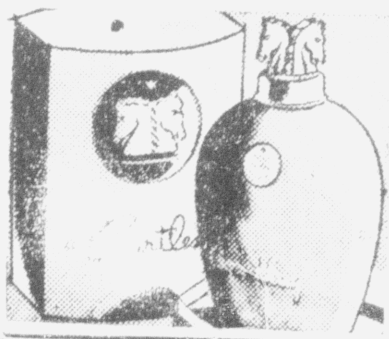
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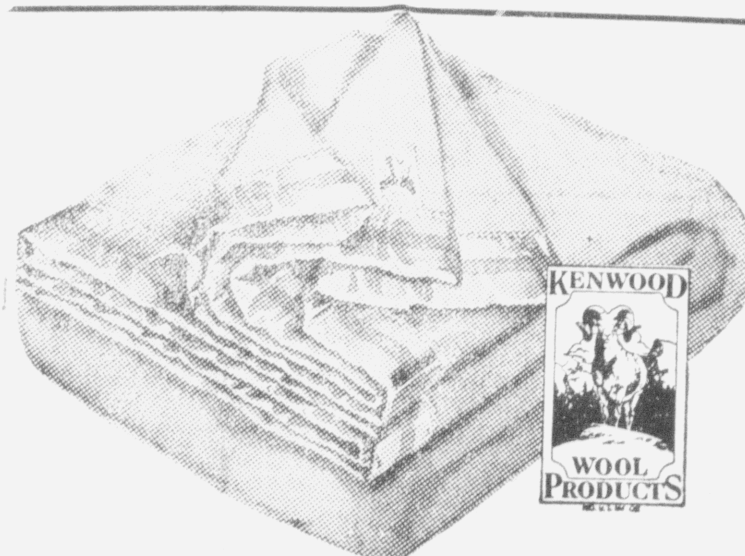
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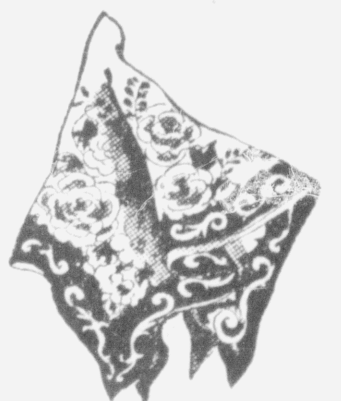
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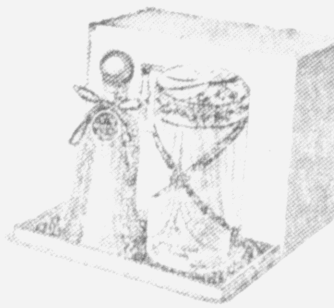
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